

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please remove the title of invention above the first paragraph.

On page 1, immediately above the first paragraph, please insert the following sentence:

This is a nationalization of PCT/EP2004/051573 filed 22 July 2004 and published in English.

On page 2, please insert the following sentence immediately following the paragraph continuing from page 1, ending at line 6:

This is also shown in DE-A-2833866.

On page 2, please amend the paragraph (from line 20 to 23) as shown:

According to the invention such object is attained with a flange for pipes for the transport of petrochemical fluids, gases and liquefied gases, that it has a bearing surface for clamping jaw, which has a peripheral portion with a curved surface ~~bevelled~~ in the direction of support of the jaw.

A Substitute Specification is attached which includes the above amendments.